REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action the claims were rejected as being obvious in view of the disclosures of the cited Teraura, Petteruti, Ostrover, and Tsuboi references. In response, those claims have been cancelled and rewritten as 7 new claims, Claims 11-17. Those rewritten claims are particularly based on the portion of the Specification set forth at pages 18-24, in connection with Figs. 2 and 3. In this regard, Claims 11-17 are believed to be patentably distinct over the cited references for the reasons set forth below

The present invention may be characterized by performing a first output processing where it is determined that it is authorized to output contents information to an identified recording medium, in the case when it is determined that the contents information to be output is registered but not corrected, for outputting the registered contents information to the recording medium and by performing a second output processing in the case when it is determined that the contents information to be output is registered and corrected, for outputting the contents information after the correction to the recording medium. Also, in the case where the first output processing is performed, identification information of the identified recording medium and the contents information output in the first output processing are managed in association with each other, and in the case where the second output processing is performed, identification information of the identified recording medium, the contents information after the correction output in the second output processing, and the contents information before the correction are managed in association with each other.

Referring now to the cited prior art it is noted that the Teraura reference discloses judging whether print data from a personal computer 39 includes RFID data to be

written in a RFID tag 14, printing the print data on a usual printing paper if the print data does not include the RFID data to be written in the RFID tag 14 (paragraph number [0081], lines 6 to 18), and printing the print data and the RFID data on a sheet of a printing paper 13 with the RFID tag 14 if the printing data includes the RFID data to be written in the RFID tag 14 (paragraph number [0082], lines 1 to 6).

Teraura also discloses, on copying, judging whether a sheet of document paper 61 has an RFID tag 14, printing an image read by a scanner 6 on the usual printing paper if the sheet of document paper 61 has no RFID tag (paragraph number [0086], lines 8 to 16), and printing the data read from the RFID tag 14 on the document paper 61 and the operator's ID number in the RFID tag 14 of the document paper 61 as well as the image read by the scanner 6, on the printing paper 13 with an RFID tag 14 after authenticating the user on the basis of the operator's ID number, if the sheet of document paper 61 has the RFID tag 14 (paragraph number [0090], line 1 to paragraph number [0090], line 13).

Further, Teraura discloses, on the facsimile transmission, judging whether a sheet of document paper 61 has an RFID tag 14, transmitting a facsimile signal obtained by converting the image on the sheet of document paper 61 to the called facsimile 40 (paragraph number [0099], lines 7 to 12) if a sheet of document paper 61 has not an RFID tag 14, and transmitting the data read from the RFID tag 14 on the document paper 61 and the operator's ID number as well as the facsimile signal obtained by converting the image on the sheet of document paper 61 after authenticating the user on the basis of the operator's ID number, if the sheet of document paper 61 has the RFID tag 14 (paragraph number [0102], line 1 to paragraph number [0102], line 12).

In addition, Teraura discloses, on the facsimile reception, judging whether the received data includes RFID data to be written in an RFID tag 14, printing the image indicated by the received facsimile signal on a usual printing paper if the received data includes no RFID data (paragraph number [0106], lines 8 to 15), and printing the received RFTD data and the operator's ID number as well as the image indicated by the received facsimile signal on a sheet of a printing paper 13 with an RFID tag 14, if the printing data includes the RFID data to be written in the RFID tag 14 (paragraph number [0107], line 1 to paragraph number [0108], line 3).

In the Petteruti patent there is disclosed a roll of media 14 upon which is wound integrated RFID media 16 with RFID circuits 16a, and the sending of a message to a host that an error has occurred if the RFID circuit returns no response or an invalid response (col. 4, lines 62 to 65).

As for the Ostrover patent, that reference discloses storing an electronic copy of the content of a document in the microchip attached to the document (col. 6, lines 15 to 21).

Applicant respectfully submits, however, that none of those references discloses determining whether or not the contents information to be output is registered and/or corrected, which is featured by the present invention. Also, the Tsuboi reference does not overcome the deficiencies of those references for purposes of rejecting the claims. That is, none of the Teraura, Petteruti, and Ostrover references relate to the case where it is determined that it is authorized to output contents information to an identified recording medium and it is determined that the contents information to be output is registered and corrected. Accordingly, none of the cited references disclose a case where it is determined that it is authorized to output contents information to an identified recording medium and it is determined that the contents

information to be output is registered but not corrected, performing first output processing for outputting the registered contents information to the recording medium, and in the case where it is determined that it is authorized to output the contents information to the identified recording medium and it is determined that the contents information to be output is registered and corrected, performing second output processing for outputting the contents information after the correction to the recording medium, as is distinct from the present invention.

Also, none of the cited references disclose a case where the first output processing is performed and identification information of the identified recording medium and the contents information output in the first output processing are managed in association with each other, and a case where the second output processing is performed and identification information of the identified recording medium, the contents information after the correction output in the second output processing, and the contents information before the correction are managed in association with each other.

For these reasons it is believed that the 7 new claims, as presented herein, are patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50.3939.

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